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19 August 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Director of Communications

SUBJECT

: Appreciation for Office of Communications Support  
17-18 August 1968

1. Though I have long been an admirer of the Office of Communications, my regard for your colleagues hit a new high over the weekend of 17-18 August. Mr. Rostow called me on the night of the 17th to say that the President was most anxious to have this Agency maintain the closest possible watch on the Vietnam situation until we saw whether or not a major new offensive was actually in progress. I immediately cabled Saigon which laid on a system of sitreps at six-hour intervals from Saigon itself and independently from each of the four regions. This additional traffic load flowed quickly and smoothly from originators to Washington consumers.

2. On Saturday night (17 August) I had a KY-3 conversation with our COS which was just barely intelligible in part. Sunday morning (18 August) a second attempted KY-3 conversation proved totally unintelligible. The Communications Watch Officer immediately set up a telecon link with Saigon which worked perfectly and whose results were passed promptly via Mr. Rostow to the Ranch. The Headquarters communications center then scheduled another telecon for 2200 Sunday night. Though the circuits were poor and Saigon was having minor equipment trouble, the efficiency of your staff quickly solved all problems as they arose and enabled us to get another fine wrap-up which was also passed immediately to Mr. Rostow and relayed by him to the Ranch.

3. Mr. Rostow has expressed highest praise for Agency coverage of the Vietnam situation during the past weekend. This coverage was made possible in large measure by the fine work of your associates and I would appreciate your passing my thanks to all hands involved.

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